

WISHES GODSPEED
TO PACIFIC FLEET

Secretary Daniels Sends Message to
Departing Commander, Hugh
Rodman, and Men.

LARGER THAN FORMER ONE

World Tourists Under Evans Insig-
nificant in Comparison, Navy
Head Says in Letter.

WASHINGTON July 19.—Officers and members of the crews of the newly organized Pacific fleet were given a message sent to Admiral Hugh Rodman, fleet commander, on the eve of departure of the armada from Hampton Roads for the west coast. The secretary drew a comparison between the force that will steam across the ocean to the Virginian morning and the fleet which the United States was sending the world 11 years ago under Admiral Rodney D. Evans.

A telegram was called by the secretary of the navy making the voyage of the fleet, the mightiest fleet the United States had ever put forth, another previous to that time was almost insignificant in comparison with this new Pacific force. He commented on the fact that the new fleet will be twice as powerful as the fleet assembled in 1908. He said that while the most powerful fleet in the world mounted four thousand guns with a maximum effective range of 10,000 yards, the New Mexico, Admiral Rodman's flagship, and several other vessels of the Pacific fleet, had batteries of 12 14-inch guns capable of penetrating armor at 10,000 yards.

The message sent by the secretary and addressed to Admiral Rodman said:

"I regret that imperative duties here in Washington deny me the privilege of reviewing your fleet as it sails from Hampton Roads to the Golden Gate. Your country is to be congratulated that the American navy of today is big enough to be unequalled in two powerful fleets of 14,000 tons each. The world gave glad welcome to what we called our great fleet when it made its historic tour around the world. The tonnage of that fleet was 266,527, less than half our Pacific fleet, which will soon sail through the Panama canal. We have in addition to an equal fleet in the Atlantic, a small Asiatic fleet which is to be strengthened and there are still a number of ships in American waters, some officers, and 25,000 men in the fleet when it circled the globe 11 years ago. You are honored to command 2,000 officers and 20,000 men in your fleet."

From every city and town on the Pacific coast telegrams announce the warmth of the welcome awaiting your fleet. My greetings to all on board your 16 dreadnaughts and other fighting craft and my best wishes for a successful voyage."

LIGGETT AND DICKMAN
GIVEN HOME COMMANDS

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett, former commander of the American army of occupation in Germany, and Maj. Gen. Joseph T. Dickman, former commander of the Fourth army corps, have been ordered to assume command of the western and southern departments, respectively, upon their arrival from overseas.

Maj. Gen. John J. Pershing, at present commanding the western department with headquarters at San Francisco, the war department also announced, has been ordered to take command of Camp Lewis, Wash.

ENGLISHMAN IS KILLED
BY MEXICAN BANDITS

LAREDO, Tex., July 19.—Theodore Talbot, a British subject and superintendent of the mines of the Mexican Copper company, in the Conchos de Oro district, state of Coahuila, Mexico, was assassinated by Mexican bandits Friday morning, according to a dispatch received by offices of the company here today. The Englishman gave no details.

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The Fighting Period of Oklahoma Journalism

By T. A. LATTA

A Reminiscence of the Editors of the Pre-Statehood Era and Some of the Men of That Day, When Poverty Incited to Belligerency, if not Riot, and the Ease and Opulence of Today Was Not.

It is not a far cry back to the days of territorial journalism as time is ordinarily measured, but if the yardstick of progress and development be applied seeming ages have elapsed. The changes in Oklahoma have been great in industry, commerce, and society, but they are particularized in that greatest of all developing factors.

Among territorial editors there had been for years an issue that afforded a common ground for harmonious meeting and agreement. That issue was taxation. There was more or less division on the kind of statehood—whether separate, that is to say, made out of Indian and Oklahoma territories, or whether the two should be composed into a single state—but concerning the desirability of statehood of some sort there was a unanimity of opinion that had not existed since

Harmony Among Editors.

The debate between the single and the double states was real and at times acrimonious, but political as it was later played was not practiced in those times, the material rather than the dispositon being lacking.

After the enactment of the statehood act, which provided for the admission of Indian territory and the admission of municipalities under federal laws, it was evident to all that the entering wedge had been driven between the Indian landowners and their determination to hold to tribal customs indefinitely. Statehood would follow the completion of the work placed in the hands of the surveyors and the Dawes commissioners.

The Birth of Political Ambitions.

It was just prior to the enactment of the enabling act that I entered into Bartlesville, the then oil center of Oklahoma, with a new candidate for journalistic honors. The Bartlesville Enterprise. The anticipatory political storm was gathering. Senatorial, congressional, and what political ambitions were scattered about on every hand, and the harmonious peace of former times was slowly but surely breaking into hostile camps in preparation for the opening of hostilities.

The immediate division was on the election of delegates to the constitutional convention, and for every place there were a score with ambitions to be gratified.

Some of Them Mentioned.

Frank Green, who for years had dominated the journalistic field of the territories particularly Oklahoma, was on the bridge of the State Capital at Guthrie. Roy Stafford with his Oklahoman was willing, but had yet to establish the reputation of later days. Clarence R. Douglas was the commander of the Muskogee Phoenix which aspired to occupy on the Indian territory side the same position of influence as that occupied by the state Capital in the western territory, and was enjoying the pleasing sensation of seeing an ambition realized.

At Enid was Col. Jake Admire, one of the old-school editors, a brilliant writer and lovable old fellow who did not live long enough to realize how well he was wrought. He was associated with Pete Drummond in the publication of the Enid Eagle, which was born of a considerable section of the territory.

M. Mars was publishing the Vinita Chieftain, one of the oldest

Indian territory papers, and, at the time, one of the most influential.

The slogan of the most noisy of demagogues was "Down with the carpetbagger, the corporations and the coal." That sentiment was in the preamble as it was in the oration of every democratic stump speaker. And the naked congregations of sovereign voters stood on their hind legs and roared approval.

But the belligerence was not

ground; other reaped the harvest.

Douglas and His Tools.

At the moment I recall one of those little incidents that occurred late in the movement which was special attorney C. P. Douglass, an able and brilliant writer, served the columns of the Muskogee Phoenix. He possessed this impulsive poetic temperament of the Latin and at times could not restrain himself from bursting into song. He was held in affectionate regard by all, yet he was ever the object of song and now, on his assumption of his position as editor of the Muskogee Phoenix, he was a continual column in poem. It was reported: "You're not the only Turkle in the Tank."

It was rhyme, not poetry, yet it had swing and go that was clever, and it was a rap at undue self-esteem.

What the fellows did to thoughts poetic ambition, if he ever had any, was simply sufficient and to paraphrase Will Hays, was sufficiently ample.

Political Expediency Unknown.

The gentle art of political expediency was scarcely known and practiced not at all. The label law constituted an abstract disease and lurked in other sections of the United States but utterly lacking in the purpose, province of protecting the name and fame of the citizen from vicious editorial pens.

It is not the purpose of this article to make Indians compare the press of Oklahoma and pre-statehood communities with the press of today, but in those days as now, whenever two or more persons or publications gathered it was considered quite the thing to adopt resolutions. The republican editors had long been chafing under the negro question. It had been carried into the campaign by the demagogues and the thousands of republicans who reacted to its use in the negro question had an opinion and the courage to express it, and the exchange table was a glittering scholastic heap of gems. It exuded personality and breathed vitality.

Few Were Making Money.

In those days there were a half dozen papers in both territories that were really making money. But the lure, the glory, the smell of powder as it were, were all there, and the future was rosy with the hope that springs eternal in the human breast. At the present time it is doubtful if there are as many as half dozen real newspapermen in the state of Oklahoma who are not making handsome profits on the capital invested. Most of the Oklahoma newspaper men are established in the confidence and affections of their people, they have their plants paid for, and a thoroughly established business that makes them independent for the remainder of life. All this is good, indeed.

And Then Were Others.

A. L. Kates, New Zealote, had come west years earlier and established his Progress of Clarence when a man of more mature years would have hesitated at the undertaking, but he had won out and was the oracle of his victims.

Other men who figured prominently in the formative period were Mountie, Muskogee, and Dixie, who was still at the head of the commission to the Five Tribes, but was identified with the press. Earl Crozier, Fred Harde, one of the most lovable and trustworthy of men, Hall, John Golob, Barber, Kyle, "Bunny" Lee, J. E. Jenkins, Charles Looney, Niblock, the Guthrie Leader, Lamm, Mark Godwin, the Pegion, born father and son, Henry Shultz, Gattello and others. Those others will hold nothing against me and will appreciate my embarrassment when they understand that I am not writing from notes at all, relying on a somewhat defective memory to give me the highlights of those times.

Haskell Was the Year.

Charles N. Haskell, when he launched his first field of journalism, a publication for the most meteoric political career the west has ever known, proved to be the overdoze of yeast that caused the profession to boil over. There was never a moment for quiet meditation after that until he had denied his supreme ambition and removed himself from the public affairs of the state with as much abasement as he had entered.

A Memorable Campaign.

That campaign for delegates to the constitutional convention will be remembered and recounted with shudders so long as any man who participated therein lives. It seemed as if an adventurous population, denied the right and opportunity of political expression for a quarter of a century had determined on quenching the fire within a brief 30 days.

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**Witnesses at Washington Meeting
Say Crisis Confronts Industry
Under Era of High Prices**

WASHINGTON July 19.—Witnesses testifying from their experience in operating traction lines since the beginning of the present era of high prices told the federal electric railway commission a week ago that failure to make endorsement in the industry, and recognized the warning of an approaching crisis unless further legislation presents the general collection of greater revenues for electric railway equipment joined in the hearings and gave details of the advanced costs the companies paid her.

By observing testimony bearing upon results in other cities, the railroads and the public utility commission evidence designed to show that higher fares had solved the problem in localities where paid.

Francis H. Russen, vice president of the Guaranty Trust company of New York, ascribed most of the difficulties of the street railways to a

closed was the sheet anchor of that government in supporting a commodity without which the war could not have been won.

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